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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS, SENIOR INTERAGENCY GROUP FOR SPACE

SUBJECT: NSDD on Commercialization of Expendable
Launch Vehicles (ELVs)

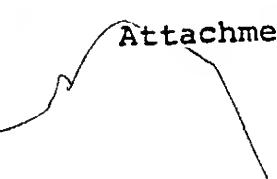
A draft National Security Decision Directive and Implementing Guidelines on Commercialization of ELVs is attached for your comment prior to signature by the President. The complete report of the SIG(Space) Space Launch Policy Working Group is also provided at Attachment 2.

In the process of commenting, your attention is particularly directed to two changes made to the NSDD drafted by the Working Group. First, in the Implementation Section of the draft NSDD, we have added wording to clarify the responsibilities of the interim working group and specify a date when the group will present its recommendations to the IG(Space). Second, we have added the following sentence to the Policy Section: "The U.S. Government will encourage competition among various systems and concepts within the U.S. private sector by providing equitable treatment for all commercial launch operators." This sentence was added to clarify the intent of the U.S. Government to encourage maximum use of the competitive process.

Please provide your comments by April 29, 1983. Questions on this subject may be referred to Gil Rye of the NSC Staff at 395-5022.

The President conveys his appreciation to those who participated in drafting the excellent report provided by the SIG(Space) Space Launch Policy Working Group.


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Attachments

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